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Patti L. Walker, M.S.W.  
President

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Appropriations Committee  
State of Connecticut  
Legislative Office Building, Room 2C  
Hartford, CT 06106

Testimony regarding H.B. 7027 AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE THIRTIETH 2019, AND MAKING APPROPRIATIONS THEREFOR.

Dear Senators Formica and Osten, Representative Walker, and other members of the Committee:

Continuum of Care has partnered with New Haven Works since 2014 to help with our effort to hire New Haven residents for available job opportunities. We have worked collaboratively to develop an effective referral relationship and depend on their effort to find and recruit qualified New Haven residents.

On a regular basis Continuum sends available job openings directly to New Haven Works and is set up to receive applicants directly from New Haven Works. We make sure that hiring managers receive these applications in a timely manner and the hiring managers are encouraged to interview these pre-screened candidates. All referred candidates are tracked throughout the entire hiring process, and we report their status and outcomes to New Haven Works on a regular basis so that they can work with candidates to improve their chances of success for future opportunities. So far we have hired 15 candidates through New Haven Works, and believe our outcomes will only increase as we continue to improve our working relationship.

As an employer that hires for healthcare support opportunities that can serve as important career-building steps for New Haven residents, we are eager to continue to develop the relationship with New Haven Works. We encourage the State of Connecticut to continue to support New Haven Works, an important resource for New Haven residents and regional businesses alike.

Sincerely,

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